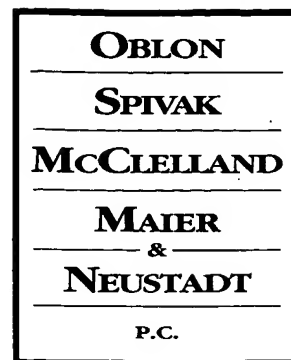




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/762,265
Applicant: Katsuhiko MAEDA
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL
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CAPABLE OF CORRECTING A
MAGNIFICATION ERROR IN SCANNING
Group Art Unit: 2861

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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF SPECIES

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SIR:

In response to the Election of Species requirement dated March 20, 2006, the Applicant provisionally elects with traverse the species of Group (ii) and identifies Claims 3-15 as readable on the provisionally elected species.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement based on MPEP § 803, which states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

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Response to Election of Species Requirement dated March 20, 2006

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

Accordingly, the Applicants also respectfully traverse the outstanding Election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-62 be conducted.

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